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## Trailblazing 12

International Women's Day took place earlier this month. To mark the occasion, and the First 100 Years of women in the legal profession, we present 12 inspirational figures who helped bring women in the legal profession to where they are today



### **Madge Easton Anderson**

The first woman to be admitted as a professional lawyer anywhere in the United Kingdom (1920)

### **Dame Margaret Kidd DBE KC**

The first woman to be admitted to the Faculty of Advocates (1923). She was the first woman in the UK to become King's Counsel (1948) and the first female sheriff principal (1960).





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### **Ethel Houston OBE**

The first female partner of a Scottish law firm (1949) and the first woman to be elected to the Council of the Law Society of Scotland (1975).

### **Professor Sheila McLean**

The first woman to be appointed Professor of Law at a Scottish University (Glasgow, 1990).



### **Lady Cosgrove**

The first woman to serve as Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin (1979). Also the first woman to serve as a Sheriff of Lothian and Borders (1983) and the first woman to be appointed as a Senator of the College of Justice (1996).



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**Lady Clark of Calton**

The first Advocate General for Scotland (2000) and the first female chair of the Scottish Law Commission (2012).

**Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC**

The first woman to be appointed Solicitor General for Scotland (2001); also the first woman to be appointed Lord Advocate (2006), and the first solicitor to hold either of these posts.



**Caroline Flanagan**

The first woman to be President of the Law Society of Scotland (2005).



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**Laura Dunlop QC**

The first female Scottish Law Commissioner (2009). The Commission was founded in 1965.

**The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP**

Qualified as a solicitor in 1995. She became the first female Deputy First Minister of Scotland (2007) and then the first female First Minister of Scotland (2014).



**The Rt Hon Lady Dorrian**

The first female Lord Justice Clerk (2016).



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### **Lady Hale**

The first female Law Lord (2004), the first female Justice of the Supreme Court (2009), and the first female President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court (2017).